

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EIND, EC, JA, SW

SUBJ: NO DECISION BY GOS RE STEEL IMPORTS

REF: (A) STOCKHOLM 5426, (B) STOCKHOLM 5385

1. AS 1977 DRAWS TO A CLOSE, THE GOS IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING ACTION IN THE STEEL SECTOR. PROMINENT DAILY SVENSKA DAGBLADET CARRIED AN ARTICLE TODAY QUOTING MINISTER OF COMMERCE BUREN-STAM-LINDER AS SAYING SWEDEN WOULD IMPOSE A FORM OF LICENSING TO PROTECT SWEDEN AGAINST DUMPING. ALLEGEDLY THIS DUMPING WOULD COME FROM LOW-LABOR-COST COUNTRIES WHOSE EXPORTS MIGHT BE DIVERTED FROM THEIR ORDINARY MARKETS IN THE US OR EC. THE MINISTER STATED THAT SWEDEN WOULD NOT CONSIDER "IMPORT RESTRICTIONS" WHICH WOULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS AGAINST SWEDISH EXPORTS.

2. MINISTRY STEEL EXPERT DENIED THAT GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED UPON LICENSING. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT A DECISION COULD BE EXPECTED SOON AFTER THE GOVERNMENT RECONVENES AFTER THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY. HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE SOME FORM OF LICENSING SYSTEM ENACTED, BUT POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL OF THE MINISTERS MOST CONCERNED WITH SUCH ACTION HAD NOT YET EVEN SEEN THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND MATERIAL.

3. SAME OFFICIAL NOTED THAT SWEDISH STEEL INDUSTRY HAD PREDICTED WIDESPREAD DUMPING IN SWEDEN SIX MONTHS AFTER VARIOUS AGREEMENTS OVERSEAS WERE ANNOUNCED. THIS DUMPING HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED. IMPORTS OF STEEL HAVE DROPPED BY AROUND 20 PERCENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND NO COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN FILED. (EMBASSY COMMENT: FACT THAT SWEDISH GDP DROPPED BY AROUND TWO PERCENT IN REAL TERMS THIS YEAR OBVIOUSLY HAD IMPACT ON IMPORTS, BUT FACT THAT NO DUMPING COMPLAINTS RECEIVED IS STILL SIGNIFICANT.)

4. THIS CONTACT HAD NO FURTHER COMMENT ON ALLEGED SLOWDOWN BY FRENCH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT SLOWDOWN MAY HAVE BEEN LARGELY DEPENDENT ON RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL FIRMS AND PARTICULAR CUSTOMS AGENTS.

5. BURENSTAM-LINDER MAY WISH TO DROP THE HANKERCHIEF ON SWEDISH ACTION JUST BEFORE OR DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO US.

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